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Tenth Anniversary Is Feature of Rally

Rev. J. B. Hulst, Orange City, president of the Board of Trustees, will deliver the keynote address at the annual Reformation Day Rally. The event will be held in the Sioux Center Public Auditorium on Friday, October 30, at 8:00 p.m.

Dordt College's tenth anniversary is of special significance in this year's rally. Dordt has sponsored the rally since the beginning of the college's history. Special music for this year's event will include three numbers each by the college band and the chorale choir.

The purpose of the rally is to unite the people of this area in the principles of the Reformation. As we reflect upon the blessings God has granted to Dordt College in the past ten years of its history, we may be grateful for the convictions which the reformers defended.

A special appeal is extended to the students of Dordt College to unite with hundreds of people in this area who support Dordt and the basic principles to which it adheres.

Christian Approach Important In Journalism

Critical examination of the Diamond occupied the members of the Journalism Club at their meeting held October 22.

Mr. Guret, club sponsor, pointed out that contributions must be written in view of the fall of men and the need for his redemption in Christ. Thus the journalist writes for God's glory rather than merely recording events for man's own entertainment.

The need for added color in content of the articles and the avoidance of clichés was also discussed.

Although the improvement of the Diamond is a primary concern of the club, the members anticipate broadening the club's goals to other journalistic issues.

The strongest objection socialists and communists have against capital is that they don't have any.

Thalians Prepare for **MERCHANT OF VENICE** Production

Thalian production crews and cast are working "full speed ahead" on Shakespeare's **The Merchant of Venice**. The play will be presented on November 11, 13, and 16.

The crew list has been posted and members of the stage crew are Sue Vander Baan, Bert Polman, Jim Den Ouden, Jim Martinus, Gerald Haverhals, and Anne Veenstra with Glenn Baas as chairman. The stage crew recently completed a portable three level stage which will be added to the auditorium stage.

The promotion crew, Ron Blankespoor, Wilma Nienhuis, and Judy Wykstra, with Dave Vander Plaats as chairman, is presently working on posters which will be displayed around the community.

The costume crew plans to rent all costumes for **The Merchant of Venice**. The crew consists of Joyce Tamminga, Marlene Van Leeuwen, Geneva Vonk, and Grace Brouwer as chairman.

Mavis Assink, Dick Leerhoff, Jean Theune, and chairman Garneth Hengeveld are continuing the make-up study which began last year. The crew plans make-up work with the help of books and charts.

Rog Leistra, Ken Post, and Arvin Van Ry will operate the lighting panel.

"Crews have never been more important than in **The Merchant of Venice**," commented Mr. Koldenhoven, the play director.

The play cast rehearses on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00.

The list of present Thalian members has been posted on the left side of the student bulletin board.

Q. E. D.

The Peace Corps—did it really start the spirit of America and is it carrying it to remote villages on every continent in the world? How will the Peace Corps volunteer readjust himself to the American climate? Herman Nibbelink, Dordt and Calvin alumnus, teacher, Peace Corps volunteer, and resident of Sioux Center will speak to the Political Science Club Tuesday at 6:30 P.M. concerning his recent stint in Ethiopia.

DORDT TO HOLD MOCK ELECTION

Who is going to be the next President of the United States?

Although the majority of Dordt students will not be helping to make this important decision in the actual 1964 presidential election, the Political Science Club of Dordt College will give students an opportunity to vote in a mock election November 2.

The evening will be highlighted by several outstanding events. The election hall will be gaily decorated in our national colors, red, white, and blue. Posters and banners will depict loyalty to the two opposing parties. Our common loyalty to the country will be shown as the presiding chairman, Roger Van Dyken, a junior, leads the assembly in reciting the pledge of allegiance. Trumpeters will accompany the singing of our national anthem, and special patriotic music will be played throughout the evening. The Rev. B. J. Haan, president of the college, will give the invocation.

Special speakers are on tap to gain support for their party. Edwin L. Mitchell, district organization chairman of the Young Republicans, from Alton, Iowa, will represent the Republican party, while the spokesman for the Democrat party has not yet been selected. Mass demonstrations will follow each speech. If the commotion following these speeches has anything to do with the outcome of the elections it will be a "down to the wire" decision.

Voters will assemble for this election in the Dordt College gym Monday at 8:00 p.m. After the meeting they will cast their ballots for the candidate of their choice. Lunch will be served in the Commons following the election.

Registration for this event will be held the Thursday and Friday prior to election night. All voters must register in either the Commons or the gym lobby on one of these days.

The Political Science Club, sponsoring its first major event, has made this election year highlight available to the entire student body and urges its participation.

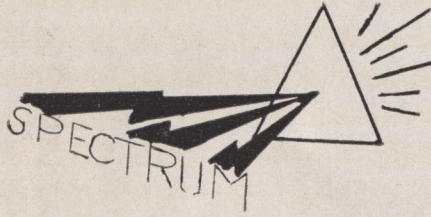
PEP CLUB MEETS, NAME IS CHANGED

The second meeting of Dordt's Pep Club assembled on Thursday, October 15. New membership was its main objective. The result was a fine turnout of forty-seven girls interested in being of service.

After discussing the purpose of the organization, it was suggested that the title "Pep Club" be changed for another more appropriate. A few suggestions were made, but none of them were decided on permanently, until its October 22 meeting at which it was decided to rename the club **Delta Sigma Kappa**, which are Greek letters standing for "Dordt Service Club."

This new service club will participate in selling tickets, Dordt sweatshirts, stationery, and ushering at various activities throughout the year.

These services mentioned are in addition to the enthusiasm the club will lend during sports activities in the coming year.

**CONSERVATIVE**

—Norman Bomer

Recent squeaks in the Dordt cafeteria regarding the current political scene have led me to a closer look at some highlights in the careers of the Democrat candidates and their treatment by the press. One squeak was a complaint that the newspapers were too biased—that they were misguiding the voters into supporting Barry Goldwater. The only major newspaper I've seen praising Barry is the South Pole Tribune, and even that paper was pretty cold toward him. Turning to the American press, however, it is obvious that the thumb of the Johnson Administration has guided the majority of news reporting and opinion making during the campaign. To cite just one of many instances where this can clearly be seen, let us briefly look at the philosophy behind our most prominent columnists and the Democrat candidates.

In 1947, an organization called the Union for Democratic Action, which was originally formed by a split from the Socialist Party of Norman Thomas, reorganized into what is today one of the most influential groups in our national life. This organization advocates the phasing out of all our defense establishments into the United Nations, the admission of Red China to the U.N., unlimited trade with communist countries, abolishment of Congressional investigations of communist subversion, elimination of American loyalty oaths, and a friendly Cuban policy, to name a few. The new organization was called the Americans for Democratic Action, and policies of our government have been largely a result of ADA influence. Among the hundreds of the most effective ADA members are: Walter Lippman, an ADA founder, past member of the British Fabian Society at Harvard, founder of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society chapter at Harvard; Kenneth Crawford, an ADA founder, associate editor of NEWSWEEK; Marquis Childs, ADA founder, widely read columnist, Washington correspondent for the ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH; Joseph and Stewart Alsop, nationally read columnists; Adlai Stevenson; Orville Freeman; Abraham Ribicoff; Arthur Goldberg; and, of course, dear Hubert. In 1949, Hubert Humphrey was elected national chairman of the ADA.

On the eve of one of the most significant events in history, I feel it is appropriate to deviate from the previous train of thought and relate one item of interest about President Johnson. One year ago, the President of the United States was murdered by a communist who was a member of the front group known as the Fair Play for Cuba Com-

mittee. Early this spring, in Long Beach, California, the American Civil Liberties Union, one of the largest communist action groups in our country, held a meeting in which tribute was paid to one Alexander Meiklejohn upon reaching his 92nd birthday as a dedicated founder and national leader of the ACLU. Meiklejohn was also a founder of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, and, ironically, on December 6, 1963, fourteen days after the death of our president, Lyndon Johnson conferred the Medal of Freedom on Professor Alexander Meiklejohn as he read this citation: "Educator and libertarian, as teacher by example and philosopher in practice, his free and fertile mind has influenced the course of American higher education."

Now, laying aside all partisanship, I suggest that we all pray earnestly that our new president, whoever he may be, will be guided by the hand of Him who gives us our life and freedom.

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CANADIAN AFFAIRS

—Winson Elgersma

During the time of Cromwell the British Parliament passed a law which made it impossible for anyone to pin a lawsuit on a member of Parliament for things which were said in a session of the House of Commons. Fortunately for many members of Parliament today, this practice was also accepted by the Canadian Government.

Before the visit of the Queen of England to Quebec, and during the French separatist movement and flag debates, many names and words were being thrown back and forth in the House of Commons, most of which do not appear in the dictionary. Thus, having cleared their minds, but having thickened the air, the political administration came almost to a halt.

However the Queen did make her visit to Quebec, despite many threatening letters from the French separatist movement. Even in England a countless number of letters were received in Buckingham Palace imploring the Queen to remain in England. When the Queen did finally arrive in Quebec, a silent crowd awaited her; and so also she left: in silence.

Some of the French speaking Canadians have a desire to withdraw from the Dominion of Canada. They wish to establish their own government, fashioned after the French political set-up. This drive, mentioned previously, is known as the French separatist movement. However, this movement is much weaker than appears on the surface. Actually, only a relatively few participate, but from those that do many noises are emitted.

The power which deals with these problems is known as the House of Commons. It is presently under the leadership of Lester B. Pearson. Prime Minister Pearson is leader of the liberal party. He took the majority of seats in the House of Commons. The former Prime Minister was John Diefenbaker, now leader of the opposition.

In Canada there is no separate elec-

tion for the Prime Minister. He must run like any other member of Parliament, and can be returned to the government only if he wins his own district. Thus if he returns as a Prime Minister or as leader of the opposition, he will always be able to make a contribution to the government.

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LIBERAL

The lack of a column under this heading is not the result of a lack of invitations, prodding, or imprecations. It seems that our campus liberals would either qualify for membership in a new 'Know-Nothing Party,' or are ashamed of their beliefs and unwilling to place them in the eye of public scrutiny.

—The Editor

I.M. Report

If you should emerge from the Commons anywhere between 5:30 and 6:00 in the evening, and if you should look toward the south you would likely see brilliant red and yellow ribbons flashing about on the athletic field. Upon further investigation you would discover that these ribbons are attached to the belts of intramural football players. Instead of tackling, these ribbons are removed from the belt.

Four teams of twelve men apiece make up the I.M. football competition. Two teams, The Theologians and The Little Men, captained by Sherwood Bouma and Jim Streelman respectively, consist of Sophomore boys. The other two teams, Studs Minus One and The Offenders, captained by John Muller and Keith Litenburg, are freshmen class members.

At the time of this writing there have been four games played. The first game, which pitted The Studs against The Theologians, ended in a 6 to 6 tie. Game No. 2 had The Little Men battling The Offenders. The Little Men proved not to be so little and came out with a 19 to 0 victory. The third tilt placed The Offenders against The Theologians, with the latter gaining a 14 to 7 victory. The fourth game ended in a 6 to 6 tie. The teams in this toss-up were the Studs and The Little Men.

In addition to football, an intramural bowling program is getting under way. Not much has been done as yet besides establishing the teams. The Seniors have four girls teams, they are: The Ally Kits, The Stricketts, The Pin Spotters and The Flying Pins. There are four Sophomore teams, The Four Spares, The Boys in the Gutter, and The Ally Toms, which are all men's teams. The remaining Sophomore team is called The Holy Bowlers and it is co-recreational. The Freshman class also has a quartet of bowling teams, The Lucky Strikers, The Dorks, The Royal Pin Spinners and The Dead Pins.

Additional information on the intramural bowling program is not available at this time, but sharp eyes and ears should be able to secure this information in the near future.

The Sport Department of the **Diamond** was very adequately supplied with the intramural information by Phil Kok and Eldon Dyk, the I.M. council's two recorders.

Les Beaux Arts

—Dick Leerhoff

"All passes. Art alone stays to eternity." This comment was made by Theophile Gautier. Haven't you heard many gushing statements like this one? Many men have said the same thing in innumerable ways. However, one of the biggest hoaxes the art world has ever experienced is the idea that art is immortal and inexhaustible.

Bernard Shaw said, "Do not be alarmed, pious play-goers; people get tired of everything, and of nothing sooner than of what they like best." Any piece of art with much repetition is reduced to banality. Consequently, we have a new criterion for the comparison of art works: tiring speed. Those works of art which tire us quickly are poor; those which engage our attention for some length of time are of more value. The degree of intelligence which is required to understand a work of art is in no way a measure of its goodness. **Lorna Doone** may fascinate the average person; however, the very intelligent person is soon tired of it; therefore, it is a poor work of art for him. **Remembrance of Things Past** may fascinate the intelligent person, but the average individual is soon tired of it because of its complexity and his lack of understanding; therefore, it is a poor art work for the average person.

If art critics realized the concept of tiring speed, perhaps they would accomplish something. Then they could present to the public the art works which are suitable. However, critics rant and rave about unity, rhythm, truth, and harmony. These things are all irrelevancies except to whatever extent they affect the speed of tiring.

It is an interesting fact to note that in bygone days the opportunities to experience art works were extremely scarce since there was only one copy of each work of art. Tiring speed was considerably diminished since one did not see a famous work of art every day. This scarcity of art may have led to the notion that art is immortal. Today we have the means to reproduce art works so that anyone can see them at any time. This wholesale viewing of the masterpieces should have an interesting effect on their "immortality."

If you are still hesitant to accept the fact that art is not inexhaustible, try the following experiment. Listen to your favorite symphony one hundred and fifty times, or stare at your favorite painting for forty-eight hours. If at the end of this endurance test you are still lifted to the limitless bounds of aesthetic experience, you are a true patron of the arts, and you should be immortalized.

Communism is the devil's imitation of Christianity. A. W. Tozer



Commons Erupts into Convention Hall

Athletes' Feats

—Dale Claerbaut

Twenty-two athletically-minded men representing six states and three classes turned out for this year's first official basketball practice. After a few incidentals such as setting up a practice schedule, Coach Calsbeek sent the squad through various drills in fundamentals. The sixteen freshmen exhibited themselves in a predominantly green hue, but certainly not without potentiality. Three freshmen are 6'4" or taller to give one example of this potential. Five sophomores and one junior represented their classes and demonstrated the fact that they were not going to give up without a hearty struggle. Later during the practice, rope skipping and distance-running clearly pointed out that the team was far from being in good shape. The multimillion dollar track is proving to be valuable already! Mr. Calsbeek stresses the strict "keeping of training rules." (American Tobacco Co. dropped to a new Wall Street low following Coach's announcement.)

Because of the large turnout this year, it will be necessary to cut the tryouts to a reasonable number. Since there are a dozen "Defender's" uniforms, twelve is the probable number for the team. Coach Calsbeek said he would start to choose his team by the end of this week. Dordt's first game is only three weeks away. Hull's Western Christian gymnasium will host the Junior College of Emmetsburg, Tuesday, Nov. 17. More on this game in the next **Diamond** issue.

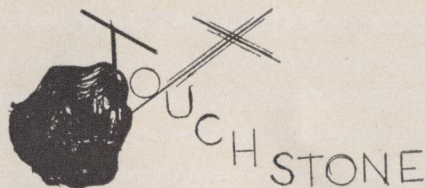
Dwight Bakker from Wellsburg, Iowa, has volunteered his services as manager for this year. Darrel Lourens, last year's manager, has been promoted to chief statistician. He hails from Cedar, Iowa.

This year Dordt College instituted a new athletic committee designed to make recommendations to the administration concerning athletic expansion. This committee is composed of Mr. Calsbeek (Chairman) Mr. Koekkoek, Mr. Westra, and Mr. Worst. New glass back-boards have been ordered and

soon should be in use.

The Defenders are independent again this year, i. e. they have not yet entered into a conference. Admission into the Tri-state Conference, for example, will depend primarily on the competition that the team exhibits and on the spirit and support of the whole school at the games. The schedule this year consists of nine home games and seven on the road. Eleven of the sixteen games will be with the junior varsities of four-year schools, five with junior colleges. The schedule is as follows:

November 17—Tuesday	Emmetsburg Junior College	Home
	(at Hull Western Christian)	
November 19—Thursday	Nebraska Christian College	Away
November 30—Monday	Freeman Junior College	Away
December 2—Wednesday	Nettleton Business College	Home
December 8—Tuesday	Dana Junior Varsity	Home
December 11—Friday	Westmar Junior Varsity	Away
December 15—Tuesday	General Beadle Junior Varsity	Away
January 8—Friday	Eagle Grove Junior College	Home
January 12—Tuesday	Northwestern Junior Varsity	Home
January 29—Friday	Nebraska Christian College	Home
February 1—Monday	Freeman Junior College	Home
February 4—Thursday	Emmetsburg Junior College	Away
February 10—Wednesday	Westmar Junior Varsity	Home
February 12—Friday	Dana Junior Varsity	Away
February 20—Saturday	Northwestern Junior Varsity	Away
February 23—Tuesday	General Beadle Junior Varsity	Home



The Group by Mary McCarthy. 397 pages. Harcourt, Brace, & World. 1954.

Miss McCarthy quite obviously wanted to write a best-selling novel. Taking the modern-day criteria of sex and satire, she molded them together to the best of her ability and came up with **The Group**.

The book deals with the lives of eight Vassar graduates. An interesting subject, no doubt, but one which Miss McCarthy finds too broad to handle. She jumps about from the lives and loves (mostly loves) of one girl after another with obvious haste. The reader is constantly wondering whether the heroine of the moment is the girl with moss in her bathroom or the one who keeps her father under her bed.

She does the best she can with character development in the fifty-odd pages allotted to each of the girls, but one is not mislead for a moment into thinking that this is another **War and Peace**, or

even a **Gone With the Wind**. It is indeed a pity that the poor heroine of the sensational second chapter is relegated to Arizona for the duration. One expected much more from her.)

The young lady who receives the best treatment is Kay. And "how like Kay" to be the one. Indeed, there are some manifestations of her character, when Miss McCarthy has momentarily exhausted sex, which are very good.

As mentioned before, the book also employs satire. Unfortunately, Miss McCarthy seems to have a great deal of difficulty in keeping her tongue in cheek. She does, upon occasion, shove it back in, but meanwhile her "greatest achievement" has degenerated into mere trivia. But here again there are moments, when tongue is freshly in cheek, which are excellent. One never knows. It may eventually find the way to the reserve shelf as required background reading.

column 7

by Glenn Van Wyhe

There will be an election in a short while. It will be one of the most important elections this country has seen for decades. The future of this nation may hang in the balance. The choice will not be between a man and his echo. Its main issue will not be whether one is a man of principle while the other is not, whether one deals in the shadows while the other candidly and honestly states his beliefs. It will be whether the people want a change from a liberal to a conservative government.

What do the people want? A strong stand to prove that we are a mighty nation and that we cannot be pushed around, or the policy of going half-way and even more if necessary to appease the Communists? Huge giveaways to numerous foreign countries, including Communist nations, or military and technical aid only to friendly countries who need it? Lawmakers who want to protect our individual constitutional rights, or lawmakers who seek to bring every phase of life under their direct control? A government saturated with weakness, stupidity, and corruption, or a government run sanely and effectively?

For a good number of elections now, the people of this country have had their ideas and opinions formed by a wealthy group of eastern magnates known as the kingmakers. Instead of being a romantic legend, as many people believe, this group is very real and very effective. They care little for politics except as a means to keep a

President elected who favors huge foreign aid giveaways. This foreign aid can easily be turned to their own financial advantage. When they want someone elected, they simply make the public believe that their candidate is the best man. This is not difficult considering the fact that they have a good deal of control over the press, and that advertising is their specialty.

But there really are some people in this country who want to become numbers, to let the government have complete control over their lives. They believe in the goodness of man, and they believe that by working together, men can achieve the perfect society. They believe, against the proof of experience, that socialism will solve all mankind's ills, that government control can take the place of free enterprise, of the law of supply and demand.

The liberal wants to believe that government is the answer to everything. He has not grown up enough to have the courage to face life. Instead of standing on his own two feet and deciding what his future will be, he wants to delegate all responsibility to the government. He wants someone to tell him what to do and how to do it. He is afraid to use his own judgment; he is afraid of freedom. A liberal has never grown up; he still clings to his mother's skirt. He needs someone or something to tell him what he should do and what he should not do.

And now the time has come. Can we afford to shirk our responsibility again and lazily accept the kingmakers' unreliable opinions concerning a candidate on his ideas? In this election the choice is obvious to anyone who takes pride in his country and loves his freedom.

"Cross Fire"

—Junior Vander Maaten

Barclay Jerome was a well-to-do rancher who had made his fortune raising cattle in Texas. He, true to the Texans' nature, had many glorious dreams, one of which was to build an ocean-going yacht, in which he could cruise to the ends of the earth.

He sold his ranch and moved to a New England coastal town, where he proceeded to begin construction on his yacht. Barclay encountered many difficulties: he had to find shipwrights, materials, and a suitable crew. After five years of hard work, the ship, **Marem Navigabit**, was pronounced seaworthy.

The newly christened **Marem Navigabit** set sail for Spain. As he entered the harbor of Barcelona, the adventurer saw an ancient Spanish galleon. A beautiful singing figurehead adorned the bow of the relic. He immediately went about purchasing a similar one for his boat. He set sail again after attaching it.

Mr. Jerome, after sailing for a few days, realized that his yacht was smaller than the Spanish galleon, as the heavy figurehead weighed down the bow. He solved the handling problem by signing additional sailors, and housing them in newly-constructed quarters. However, he also had to feed them, so he built a new galley.

Mr. Jerome now applied for a sailing permit. He learned that in order to obtain one, he had to have a suitable quantity of navigational books and a place to contain them. Mr. Jerome could now circumnavigate the earth if he desired.

Due to the current interest in science, Barclay wished to participate by inviting scientists for research during his voyages. To facilitate matters, he must build a laboratory. The last time we heard from him, he had not gotten around to it.

IBM Machine

The administration office now has an IBM processing machine at its disposal. This machine, at Roggen & Ford Accounting Agency in Orange City, works on a punch card system. It is used to process class lists, semester grades, and office records. In the compilation of the permanent office records for each student it will be a great time-saver. This machine will process the subjects, grades, honor points, etc., for each student and print these on a sticker which will be attached to the student's office file card.

Northwestern, Westmar, Buena Vista, and Waldorff Colleges are using the same system. Dr. Ribbens and the registrars of these colleges are working out further applications of the capacity of this machine. As such, it is presently in an experimental stage, but it will eventually form the basis for much of the college administration.

Fall Foundation Day Drive

Nine years ago the fall "Foundation Day" drive began. It was intended, and continued, to raise funds to help meet the ever expanding operational requirements of our college.

During the first eight years, Christian Reformed churches from six classis areas participated. These included Minnesota North, Minnesota South, S'oux Center, Orange City, North Central Iowa, and Pella. Of these classes, 95 churches with 7,800 families took active part.

For the first time this year, 28 churches outside of these classes will assist in this joint effort. The Rocky Mountain Classis, Pacific Classis, and the Wisconsin Classis are among the new constituents.

The drive will begin November 9 and continue through November 13. Its goal is \$30,000 which was reached last year.

This drive has helped Dordt reach the status it now has in the areas of teaching and equipment.

We as Dordt students, can be very grateful for the love and concern shown our college by the generous gifts donated in offerings last year.

Examination Schedule Revamped

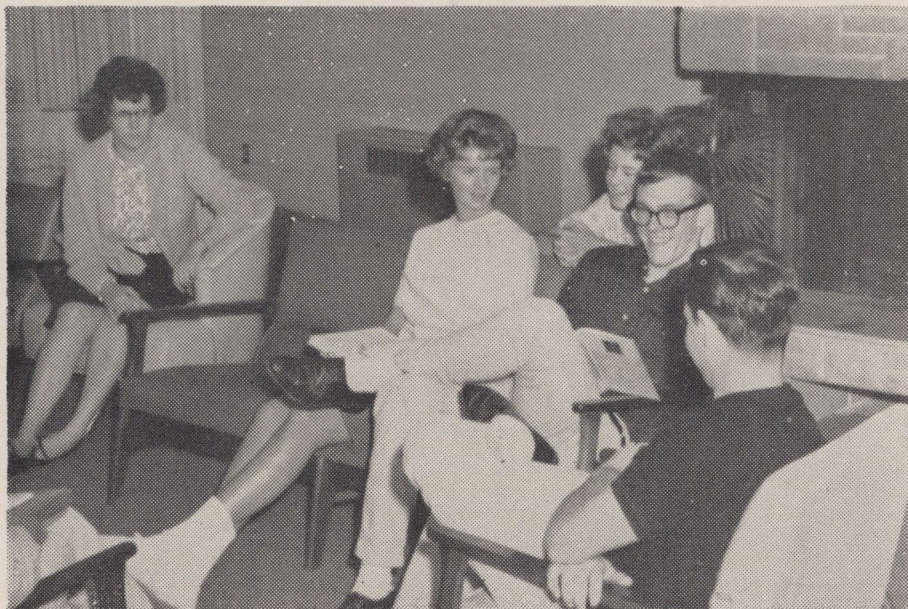
At its Oct. 19 meeting the faculty decided that:

- Regular class meetings be scheduled in the week normally used for examination.
- Each faculty member be allowed to determine whether a final examination should be given in his course, and that such an examination is to be administered during a regularly scheduled meeting of the class.
- Instructors who do not use the last regularly scheduled class period(s) for testing be required to meet the class(es) as usual.

The purpose of this revision is not necessarily to eliminate final examinations. This decision is left to the individual professor's discretion.

The revamped schedule allows the professor to give anywhere from a one to a three hour test, or none at all if he so desires; however, sections of the test cannot last over 50 minutes.

The purpose of the revision is hopefully to prevent semester-end cramming, eliminate the difficulties involved in scheduling an exam week, and to give the student a better opportunity to represent his knowledge since he could perform more satisfactorily in the third day of one-hour testing than he could during the third consecutive hour of testing. The new system will also allow professors to review the examination in class periods following the actual administration of the examination.



Leisurely lounging

That 4%

(Editor's Note: The following are the interpretations of those students surveyed who had some understanding of the poem, "the synthesizing oxbone." We thought they might interest the reader.)

To proffer an adequate explanation of this poem would subvert the subtlety of the poem. However, it seems that one line should be brought to attention, namely "whether behold the decrepitructified scroll around its flotsam." It seems that this line indicates the imperishable imprint our existence leaves upon society.

Aldy Kuiper

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This poem, true to poetic tradition, departs from the usual. It sways from the ordinary, it's different, it creates a mood.

In the first line, "jumping fodder neutralize this a crowns apples," the first two words refer to joy while the last two refer to the center of the apple.

The second stanza is especially emotional and the theme of the entire poem is that of a violent, passionate love affair.

Jerry Korn

Teacher vs. Student

On a normal Tuesday in the seclusion of his office, Teacher engaged Student in gladiatorial combat. Teacher cleared his desk. Each sat on a corner and placed themselves elbow to elbow and palm to palm. Muscles ripped, bones cracked, teeth ground, and sweat poured forth in torrents. Teacher vanquished his worthy junior opponent in two out of three falls, aided by the refereeing of one of his cohorts.

"Come on, Mr. Meeter, pick on someone your own age!"

ARPEGGIO

Attention all artisans! Now if you are not an artisan, you had better stop reading immediately because this does not concern you. Now look how far you have read, and I told you to stop a long time ago. Well, all right, if you insist on reading further, you might as well read something worthwhile.

According to tradition, Dordt will once again present the Fall Fine Arts. This year, however, the tradition of repeating the same program on two separate evenings will not be followed. Wednesday, November 4, will bring to the stage the Concert Band, a vocal ensemble, male chorus, a recorder ensemble, and various soloists performing a wide range of numbers that should prove pleasing to all in attendance.

Friday, November 6, however, will bring a new aspect to the traditional Fall Fine Arts program. A children's concert has been designed for the "wee-folk" of the community. Basically, the same groups will be performing, but the scope of the numbers will be directed toward the youngsters in the audience.

Professors On Leave

Mr. Stanley Boertje and Mr. Marvin De Young have each taken a leave of absence from Dordt this year to complete their studies toward their doctorates.

Mr. Boertje, who joined Dordt's faculty in 1960 as assistant professor in Biology, is at the Iowa State University of Science and Technology, located at Ames, Iowa.

Mr. De Young, who joined Dordt's faculty in 1958 as assistant professor in Chemistry and Physics, is at the College of the Pacific, located at Stockton, California.

Election Results

On October 15, the students of Dordt College elected twelve members of their student body for the office of student representative.

Those elected were: from the Senior class, Joan De Vries, Lynnville, Iowa; Rod Vander Ley, Harrison, S. D.; Mavis Assink, Lynden, Wash.; from the Junior class, John Altena, Red Deer, Alberta; Roger Van Dyken, Ripon, Calif.; Rich Verver, Ripon, Calif.; from the Sophomore class, Cecelia Drenth, Redlands, Calif.; Phil Kok, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Arnold Van Dyken, Winnipeg, Manitoba; and from the Freshman class, Hans Altena, Red Deer, Alberta; Don Boner, Monroe, Wash.; John Muller, Grand Rapids, Mich.

The night previous to election day was the convention night, when candidates stated their positions on campus issues and students supported the candidates of their choice.

Most of the candidates voiced their opinions on the issue of student government, but some talked about the weather and threw out candy.

While the seniors beat their drums for their candidates, and Miss Drenth's "Blasted natives" gave the night political flavor with their riotous demonstration, the Juniors and Freshmen calmly and maturely elected their representatives.

The new representatives held their first meeting last Saturday, for the purpose of choosing new cheerleaders.

Plan Future Teacher

Organization

In response to the need felt by students and faculty members that Education students be provided with experience not included in the curricular offering, a steering committee had been appointed to establish a future teacher's organization. This committee has been actively engaged in laying the ground work. The organization, which will work in cooperation with the faculty Teacher Education Committee, has two major purposes: to help Education candidates gain valuable insight into the teaching profession and broaden their educational perspectives, and to define, distinguish, and promote Christian Education.

Full membership will be available to second semester sophomores, all juniors, and first semester seniors in the Teacher Education program; associate membership will be available to other students pursuing the education courses of study. A variety of programs, including lectures, films, and discussions, will be conducted on a monthly basis.

The initial meeting of the organization will be held Thursday, October 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the Band Room. Miss N. Vander Ark from Grand Rapids, Michigan, will present a talk on "Ten Little Things that Aren't in Books that Every Young Teacher Ought to Know." All Junior and Senior Education students are invited to attend.



Convention '64

Evolution And The Christian Faith

A lecture-discussion will be held at Dordt College on Saturday, November 7. This conference will deal with some aspects of evolution as related to our Christian faith. The topics dealt with should be valuable to our understanding of what we stand for in respect to evolution.

The symposium will attempt to reach four levels of Christian education: ministers, college students and teachers (other colleges as well as Dordt), high school teachers and elementary teachers. Both scientists and non-scientists from these areas of service are invited.

The lectures will be in the form of four papers given at the recent meeting of the **American Scientific Affilia-**

tion. Four Dordt Professors will read and discuss these papers as follows: Mr. Sjoerdsma, "SCIENCE AND BEGINNING"; Dr. Alberda, "PROBABILITY CONSIDERATIONS IN SCIENCE AND THEIR MEANING"; Dr. Maatman, "DEVELOPMENT OF THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE, AND THE GENESIS ACCOUNT"; Dr. Mennega, "CHRONOLOGY OF THE ICE AGES".

The possibility of future similar conferences and a relationship with the **American Scientific Affiliation** will be discussed.

Dr. Maatman and Dr. Alberda, who arranged the lecture-discussions, would like to see an ample number of Dordt students present. For further information, watch the bulletin board, or contact either Dr. Alberda or Dr. Maatman.

Nothing is politically right which is morally wrong. Lincoln



Boy's P.D. (Physical Destruction)

Introducing Our New Faculty Members

MISS HOLLAAR, natively from Hull, North Dakota, received her B.S. degree in 1959 from the North Dakota State Teachers College. In 1964 she received her M.A. degree in Library Science from the University of Denver. Miss Hollaar taught in elementary schools in Hull, North Dakota, and for the last five years she was teacher-librarian in Western Christian High School.

DR. ALBERDA is a native of Manhattan, Montana. After receiving his A. B. degree from Calvin in 1959, he continued his education at the Montana State College in Bozeman. From this institution, Dr. Alberda received his M.S. degree in 1963 and his Ph.D. degree in 1964.

MR. GURET, born in Germany, lived eight and one-half years in England and then immigrated to the United States in 1947. In 1952 he received his A.B. degree from Yale. After receiving his B.D. degree from Westminster Theological Seminary in 1957, he returned to Yale and received his M.A. degree in 1963. He has done graduate work at City College in New York and at Harvard University. Mr. Guret has taught at the Northeastern Bible Institute in New Jersey and also at Gordon College in Massachusetts.

MRS. HANNINK, living in Ireton, Iowa, is part-time instructor of sociology. She graduated from Calvin in 1948 with her A.B. degree and has done graduate work at the University of Michigan. For four years Mrs. Hannink, originally from Muskegon, Michigan, was employed as a social worker in a Grand Rapids juvenile court.

DR. MENNEGA, a native of Holland, immigrated directly to Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1950. Attending Calvin College, he received his A.B. degree in 1957. Dr. Mennega did his graduate work at Michigan State University from which he received his M.A. degree in 1960 and his Ph.D. degree in 1964.

MR. WORST, natively from Grand Rapids, is a 1962 graduate of Calvin College. While as undergraduate, he taught part-time in the Grand Rapids school system at the elementary and junior high levels. Mr. Worst continued his education at the Ohio State University of Music from which he received his M.A. in June, 1964.

MR. KOEKOEK began his college education at a junior college in Yakima, Washington, his home city and state. He transferred to Calvin and received his A.B. degree in 1955. Serving in the Army for two years, he spent one year in Germany. For the last seven years, Mr. Koekoek taught at the Ontario Christian High School of Ontario, California. He has spent three summers in graduate work at the State University of Iowa.

MR. WESTRA is a native of northwest Iowa. He attended Northwestern College for two years, served in the army for two years, and then returned to college at Westmar where he received his A.B. degree in 1956. In 1959 he received his M.A. degree from Western Michigan University, and in 1964 he received his M.S. degree from the University of South Dakota. While studying for his M.A. degree, Mr. Westra taught at Kalamazoo South Christian. He has also been teacher-administrator at Waupun Christian Grade School in Waupun, Wisconsin.

Pre-Sem Club Holds Opening Session

October 10, 1964, was the commencement of a new season for the Pre-Sem Club. The first order of the meeting was the organization of the group into a functional unit by the election of officers. The acting vice-president of the 1963-64 club conducted the elections, which chose Rod Vander Ley as president of the organization. Chosen as Rod's right-hand man was Stan De Vries as vice-president. To complete the triumvirate, Merle Buwalda was elected as secretary-treasurer. In addition, the function of reporter to the Diamond was combined with the operational duties of the secretary.

After the organizational aspect of the meeting was completed, the speaker of the evening, Rev. Hulst, was introduced. He conducted the remainder of the meeting, discussing the topic "The Basic Theological Principles of Missions." In a very concrete and systematized manner he presented the crux of our evangelistic efforts, carefully treating the issue of God's love for all men, which has been the object of much controversy among some of our prominent theologians recently. Through a period of discussion of the material presented, many problems concerning this issue were clarified, and a stimulus of new thought was left with the group.

THE FOOTPATH TO PEACE

To be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars; to be satisfied with your possessions but not contented with yourself until you have made the best of them; to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice; to be governed by your admirations rather than by your disgusts; to covet nothing that is your neighbor's except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manners; to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ; and to spend as much time as you can, with body and with spirit, in God's out-of-doors . . . these are little guideposts on the footpath to peace.

By: Henry van Dyke

Administrative Field Representative Re-appointed

Rev. B. J. Haan has announced the re-appointment of Mr. R. J. Dykstra of Sibley, Iowa, as Administrative field representative for a two-year term. This re-appointment occurred at the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The functions of this position, though little known, are certainly very vital to the successful and efficient operation of our college.

As in the past, Mr. Dykstra will be visiting various church consistories in the area, presenting them with information regarding the operation, growth and planned expansion of the college as well as its financial needs. It is interesting to note that in our circles, Mr. Dykstra does not have to act as a demanding tax collector, but merely presents the need to God's people; and the response can be seen in the fruits of their liberality: Dordt College as it is today.

But since time does not wait, the Dordt College of today must develop into the Dordt College of tomorrow and with this in view, Mr. Dykstra acts as the supervisor of the testimonial anniversary campaign to plan finances for our further expansion.

In addition, the Administration field representatives contact constituents for legacies and annuities.

He also is in contact with the "Special Subscribers" organization, a group which works for the realization of college plans.

Finally, Mr. Dykstra is available to perform all other tasks assigned to him by the college president.

Chivalry is a man's inclination to defend a woman against every man but himself.

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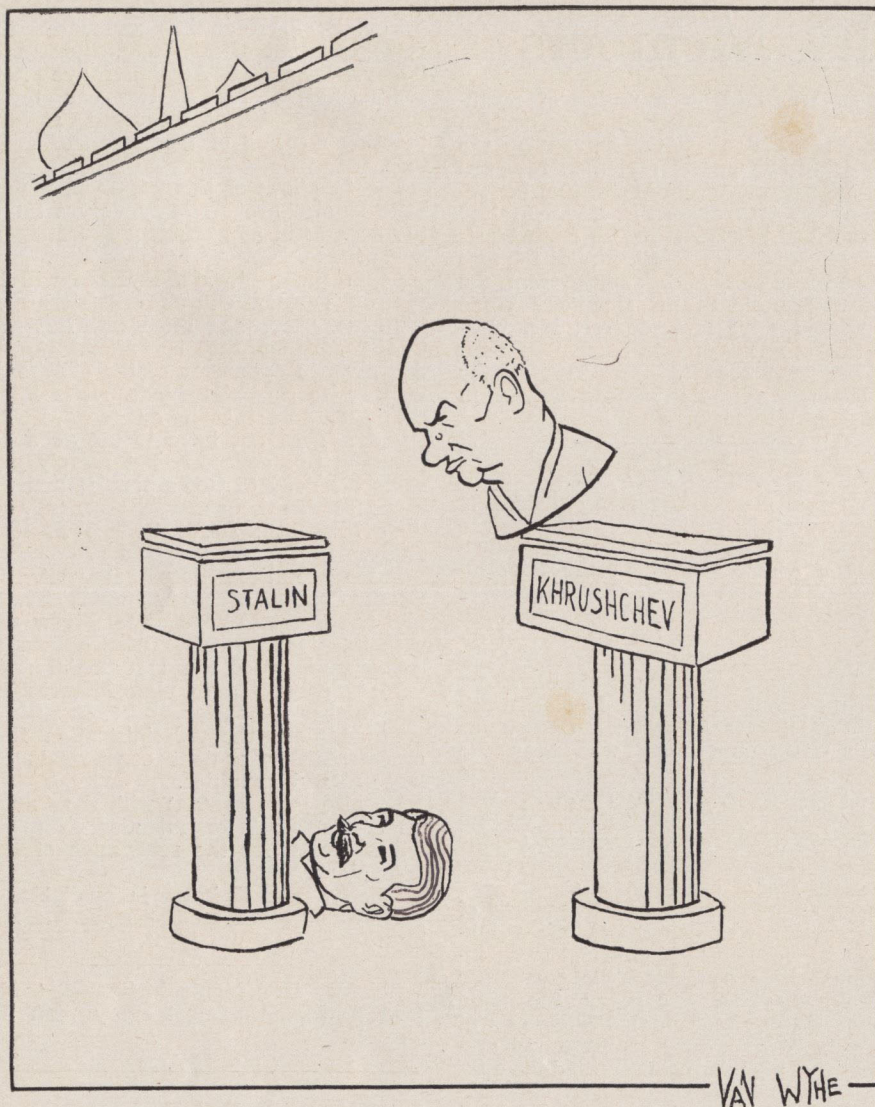
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Editorial

"Khrushchev ousted! Labor Party victory in England! Cards win pennant! Goldwater assails Elbie Jay! Student elections!" . . . And the melancholy tones of the newscaster who proclaimed the finale of the week, "Former President Herbert Hoover is dead."

It is fitting that Americans pause in respectful reflection when a great one of their number passes on. This elder statesman, the Grand Old Man of America, a humble lowan by birth and the first American President to originate west of the Mississippi, is a classic example of the American man of opportunity. Beginning as a poor Quaker orphan, Herbert Clark Hoover worked his way through Stanford University. He left a promising civilian career for public service in World War I. Upon reaching the White House, history thrust upon him its greatest Depression, a disaster against which he had repeatedly warned.

Mr. Hoover became the scapegoat of American indignation. He has been perhaps the most reviled American, defamed for sins he did not commit. He has suffered undeserved mockery and ridicule, yet with a bearing capable only of a man of his stature.

Americans everywhere can rally respectfully to his heroic career, his unlimited service, and undying patriotism. His life is a shining example to which all poor American Quaker orphans can aspire. The America of tomorrow will live on in the light of his glorious heritage; and Herbert Hoover is a great hallmark of this heritage.

"For they said of this man: He is an American!"

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Would it be possible to have the authors of the poem "the synthesing oxbone" (October 12, 1964, issue of the Diamond) give a clear and complete summary and interpretation for us laymen readers and amateur writers?

In a recent poll of 75 Dordt students, 96% of those polled did not understand the poem. We feel that poetry should enlighten or inspire the reader, but most of all, poetry should be comprehensible; however, the poem in question is deficient in all three categories.

Since this literature seems so undesirable to the average Dordt student, why was this poem published in the student paper?

Three perplexed students,

(Signed) Rod De Boer, Don Ver Meer, Darrel Laurens

Gentlemen:

If your letter is any indication, you need help more than you know. First of all, that you have proceeded this far in your education and still can naively demand a complete explanation of a poem, is amazing to say the least. May we be the last—hopefully—to inform you that the essence of a poem is its **limitlessness**. To borrow a simile, a poem is like a rock thrown into a lake—the ripples it produces keep spreading into infinity. If, as your letter seems to imply, you have difficulty in getting beyond the first ripple, we heartily recommend **Mother Goose**.

Next, you plaintively request that everything printed in the **Diamond** appeals to the "average" Dordt student. In the first place, since there is no authority to determine this state of being "average," the term is useless. Also, and perhaps of more importance, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" has already been written.

But to get to the poem. We will admit that the technique used in procuring it was a bit unusual. The words were chosen at random, following the syntax of a Shakespearean sonnet. (And please do not write in to inform us that a sonnet has fourteen lines, and this poem has fifteen. We added one. Okay?) However, the technique used in any art form, though essential is of secondary importance. Hence we thought a statement on the technique used would be quite unnecessary and even worse, ridiculous. But since you asked. . .

Regardless of technique, the value of a poem lies in its total impact. This differs with the individual, and no one is completely wrong or right. Lest you think we are avoiding the issue, here is one such impression. The poem is the twentieth century. It is the new society with no morals or standards. It is the disjointed thinking of humanity after the disillusionment of two world wars. It is the search for something, anything to show that man is better than the machine.

One last note. The title was inadvertently misspelled. Instead of "synthesing oxbone" it was supposed to be "synthesizing." However, we were so pleased with the new dimension this oversight uncovered that "the synthesing oxbone" is now the official title (in case you ever want to quote it). Sincerely, Dick Leerhoff, Alan Huisman